

Kentucky Social Studies Resource Guide Grade 6: Development of Civilizations

Use the suggested sources below to help teach the Kentucky strand of the KAS for Social Studies.

6.H.KH.1 Determine the influences of Classical Greece and Rome on the structures of Kentucky's state government.



Title: A Constitution or Form of Government for The State of Kentucky, April 19, 1792

Context: The Kentucky Constitution was written over a span of several years in Danville. It followed the example of the U.S. Constitution with a tripartite government, bicameral legislature and a Bill of Rights.

Questions: How is Kentucky government based on those from Classical Greece and Rome? How is the Kentucky Constitution the same as and different to the U.S. Constitution? Does the 1792 Constitution continue to shape Kentucky today? Why or why not?

Link: http://kyhistory.com/cdm/compoundobject/collection/MS/id/9926/rec/1



Title: Personal Property Levy in the Case of Alexander McClure vs. Wilson Marshall and Company, 1830

Context: This receipt shows a sale of property in Henderson, Kentucky, that includes four enslaved people alongside household goods.

Questions: Does this document align with the political ideas and policies of Classical Greece and Rome? Does it align with the democratic ideas of the U.S. and Kentucky? Explain. Has the concept of equality changed over time?

Link: https://www.kyhistory.com/digital/collection/MS/id/25869



Titles: Old State Capitol, Frankfort, Kentucky, 1920-1934

Context: Kentucky's third capitol building was used as the seat of state government from 1830 until 1910. It was designed by Gideon Shyrock (1802-1880) who used architectural symbolism to connect the frontier state of Kentucky with the ideals of classical Greek democracy. This building was the first to introduce Greek Revival architecture to the United States west of the Appalachian Mountains. Its front was inspired by the Temple of Minerva Polias at Priene, Ionia, in modern-day Greece.



Questions: What elements are characteristic of the Greek Revival style? Which of those elements appear in Kentucky's Old State Capitol? Why was Greek Revival architecture popular for government and civic structures in the U.S. in the late 18th and early 19th centuries? Where else can you see examples of this architectural style in the U.S.?



Links: http://www.kyhistory.com/cdm/singleitem/collection/Cusick/id/523/rec/8, http://www.kyhistory.com/cdm/compoundobject/collection/PH/id/7072/rec/57 and http://www.kyhistory.com/cdm/singleitem/collection/PH/id/10971/rec/72



Title: The United States Senate, A.D. 1850 by Robert Whitechurch, 1855 **Context:** Here Senator Henry Clay (1777-1852) speaks to the U.S. Senate about the Compromise of 1850 in the Old Senate Chamber. Daniel Webster, John C. Calhoun and other Senators surround him while an audience watches in the rear.

Questions: What elements of government and the political process can be seen in this image? Would an event like this one have been possible in ancient Rome or Greece? Why or why not?

Link: https://kyhistory.pastperfectonline.com/webobject/BAB14BEB-6C60-43E9-8BA5-082254221635



Titles: Transylvania University, Lexington, Kentucky, 1840; Warrant County Court House, Bowling Green, KY, Erected 1870, 1874; and Kentucky Military Institute, ca. 1900

Context: Popular prints and magazine illustrations of the 19th century featured images of Greek Revival buildings throughout Kentucky.



Questions: What elements are characteristic of the Greek Revival style? Which of those elements appear in these images? Why do you think Greek Revival architecture was used for these buildings? Explain. Where else can you see examples of this architectural style in the U.S.? What impressions or emotions does this style of architecture evoke in you?

Links: https://kyhistory.pastperfectonline.com/webobject/7D9A9EC3-0CDD-46AA-939D-409791079780, https://kyhistory.pastperfectonline.com/webobject/DFAC3AF9-2A88-4E97-AA34-189369533600



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